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SUBJECT: IRAQ: MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT CANCELED
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REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 811

[1](#)B. KUALA LUMPUR 812

Classified By: Political Section Chief Mark D. Clark
for reasons 1.4 (b and d).

[1](#)1. (SBU) Malaysia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) West Asia desk advised us on May 7 that Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar has canceled his planned May 12 trip to Baghdad which we previously reported in ref A. Foreign Ministry officials commented that although the intent was to postpone the mission to a future date, no new date had yet been decided. The Iraqi Embassy confirmed with us on May 8 that the trip has been cancelled.

[1](#)2. (C) In a follow-up conversation, FM Hamid's personal private secretary (protect) informed us that the Minister's trip was canceled at the request of the Prime Minister's office due to security concerns in Baghdad. Although the FM still hopes to go to Baghdad, his private secretary was unsure when or if the trip would be rescheduled. "I was going to go, too," the private secretary said, "but Baghdad itself is just dangerous now."
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